Abolition of mobile Civil Emergency Force

814. SHRI B.P.SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Mobile Civil Emergency Force which had 200 men contingent, trained for rescue in the event of fire, earthquake and also possessed equipments to perform the task has been abolished;

(b) what was the reason for abolishing this force whose services were availed to tackle emergency, disastrous situation of small and medium proportions;

(c) in the light of absence of any such emergency force in States, whether Government intend to raise this force again; if so, by when; and

(d) whether Government intend to suggest to all States to have similar emergency forces for disaster-management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Delhi Mobile Civil Emergency Force was merged with Central Industrial Security Force in the year 1986. The Calcutta Mobile Civil Emergency Force was wound up in the year 1992 due to operational non-viability.

(c) and (d) All the State Governments have been advised to set up specialised search and rescue teams for disaster response.

Reports of NHRC

815. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many reports have been submitted by National Human Rights Commission during last three years;

(b) whether Action Taken Reports have been presented to the Parliament on all reports;

(c) if so, in how many cases action has been initiated including prosecution; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?